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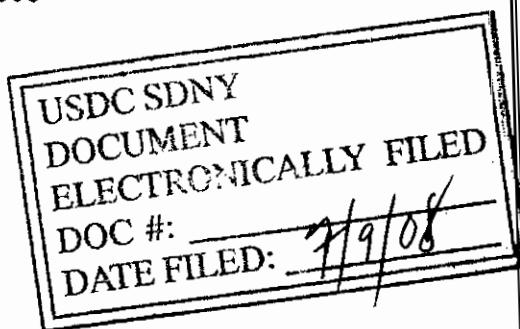
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July 8, 2008

BY FACSIMILE

Honorable Loretta A. Preska
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1320
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Raphael Vargas,
08 Cr. 37 (LAP)



Dear Judge Preska:

A pre-trial conference in the above-referenced matter is scheduled for July 14, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. However, there have been on-going discussions in this case regarding a possible disposition.

Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the pre-trial conference be postponed for approximately thirty days, and that time be excluded until then in order for the parties to continue their discussions. Howard Getz, Esq., counsel for Mr. Vargas, has no objection to this request.

*The conference is adjourned
to August 12 at 9:00 am. Time
is excluded from calculation
under the Speedy Trial Act
until that date in the
interests of justice.*

cc: Howard Getz, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED
Loretta A. Preska
LORETTA A. PRESKA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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